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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/721,467
Filing Date	November 26, 2003
First Named Inventor	Masatsugu OHASHI
Group Art Unit	2872
Examiner Name	Ricky D. Shafer
Attorney Docket Number	740165-366

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Submission of Formal Drawings
 - v. Petition for Three-month Extension of Time
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed
 - c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Thomas W. Cole	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	28,290
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[37 CFR 1.8(a)]

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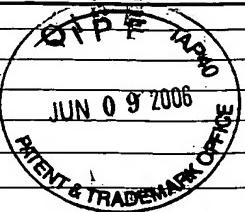
FEE TRANSMITTAL FOR FY 2005

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$790.00)

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	790	2001	395
1002	350	2002	175
1003	550	2003	275
1004	790	2004	395
1005	160	2005	80
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 0)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	27	-20** =	7 X 50	= 350.00
Independent Claims	4	- 4** =	0 X 0	= 0
Multiple Dependent		X		= 0

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202
1201	88	2201
1203	300	2203
1204	88	2204
1205	18	2205
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$0)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1051	130	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath
1052	50	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	Extension for reply within first month
1252	430	Extension for reply within second month
1253	1020	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,530	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,160	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	340	Notice of Appeal
1402	340	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	340	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	1,370	Petition to revive – unintentional
1501	1,370	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	490	Design issue fee
1503	660	Plant issue fee
1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	790	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	790	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801	790	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify)		

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